

News Briefs

**FTAC party**  
A social for all new and former First Term Airman’s Center students, their supervisors and FTAC briefers begins at 4:30 p.m. today at the enlisted lounge. Airmen are encouraged to enjoy free hors d’oeuvres and meet others. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey at Ext. 2409.

**COSC Student Spouse Group**  
The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club Student Spouse Group hosts its February meeting at The Backdoor Restaurant in downtown Columbus from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The restaurant is located directly behind The Frontdoor Restaurant at 400 Main Street, and the theme for the luncheon is love.

Participants are asked to bring wedding photos to share with others. The group provides an opportunity to build friendships and resources, as well as participate in recreational activities. To sign up or for more information, contact Veronica Lestina at veronickins@hotmail.com or at (319) 931-0980.

**INFOCON signs**  
In compliance with Headquarters Air Education and Training Command guidance, all information condition (INFOCON) signs should be removed from base facilities. Network banners on computers will display changing information conditions instead. However, force protection condition (FPCON) signs should remain posted.

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Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today at the base theater.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-01)	2.12 days	-3.03 days	April 22	48th (05-05)	1.53 days	2.98 days	Today	T-37	1,420	1,234	10,529
41st (05-14)	-0.37 days	-0.23 days	March 9	50th (05-05)	1.28 days	-3.26 days	Today	T-38C	779	741	5,574
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Graduation speaker: Gen. Robert Foglesong, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe

Tuskegee Airman Ball honors Miss. native

**Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd**  
14th Flying Training Wing

A Tuskegee Airman ball honoring the late Lt. Col. Alva Temple, an original Tuskegee Airman from Mississippi, begins at 6 p.m. March 4 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus and is sponsored by the local chapter of the Tuskegee Airman, Inc.

“People should attend this event because it’s a wonderful opportunity to meet and pay honor to some great Americans in black history,” said Capt. Daryl White, chapter vice-president. “The Tuskegee Airmen’s commitment to ‘Service before self’ and ‘Excellence in all you do’ dispelled negative connotations and stereotypes and opened the door of opportunity for all minority pilots.”

Tuskegee Airmen were the first African Americans trained as World War II military pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps. They were forced to operate as segregated units and not allowed to train or fight alongside their white fellow countrymen. To identify themselves, they painted the tails of their aircraft red, dubbing themselves the “Red Tails.”

“The Tuskegee Airmen proved that they could prevail and succeed in a time where barriers made such a thing almost unachievable,” said 1st Lt. Chris Robinson, event committee co-chairman. “These men, through hard work and selflessness, endured racial barriers and condescending circumstances to show that skin color was not a factor in performance and should not be used as

a judging characteristic of a person.”

Tickets are \$25 per person for a night of dining and jazz entertainment. Menu choices include grilled chicken breast or Mahi Mahi with baked potato. The social begins at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker for the event is retired Lt. Col. Harry Stewart, an original Tuskegee Airman and Colonel Temple’s wingman. The Columbus High Jazz Band will provide entertainment for the evening. Dress code is semi-formal or coat and tie for civilians, and mess dress or semi-formal uniforms for military members.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Michelle Jones at Ext. 2380, Temple’s BP Station at 327-1939 or Garfield’s Restaurant at 241-0005.

AWARD

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Staff Sgt. Michael Smith was an honor graduate of the Combat Precision Engagement Course, a school known for its Army Ranger-caliber of difficulty.

But the impacts of the squadron surpassed the security forces career field.


Its members donated their time and efforts to such programs as Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Friends of the Library, the base honor guard, Special Olympics and more.

“What I’m most proud of is that our unit has impacted the Global War On Terrorism, the security at Columbus AFB and the local community,” Captain Smith said.

“Despite our stressed manning situation and our high operations tempo, our people went above and beyond what’s required of them. Every member of the security forces squadron, including those organizations that helped support us, made a commitment to be the best in the command, and that commitment has paid off.”



Courtesy photo  
**Tech. Sgt. Preston Holt, 14th Security Forces Squadron, conducts a car search with a Columbus AFB military working dog.**




**Air Force Career Advisors**

The Career Assistance Advisor position was created in an effort to increase retention rates. CAAs provide supervisors with the necessary tools to conduct career counseling with their first and second term enlisted members.

We are a resource for the commander, first sergeant, and most importantly, immediate supervisor. For more information, call Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher at Ext. 7004.

**14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED**

As of press time, 14 **BLAZE TEAM** members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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# Airmen helping Airmen CAFB kicks off AFAF campaign

Columbus AFB's 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicked off Wednesday at the Columbus club with a breakfast for base leadership and AFAF representatives.

"The breakfast was a huge success with outstanding leadership support," said Capt. Chad Daniels, AFAF installation project officer. "All of our base leaders were in attendance demonstrating this wing's 'Commitment to Caring' from the top down."

Two BLAZE TEAM Airmen gave personal testimonies at the breakfast, bringing the significance of this year's campaign home for base leaders and AFAF team members.

"Assisting others in need seems perpetual in this Air Force of ours and by design, it's what we do," Captain Daniels said. "The AFAF campaign is different from others because of its methods. The AFAF is Airmen helping Airmen."

Although the fund is sometimes confused with other worthwhile fundraisers, its origins make it unique.

The original Army Emergency Relief Drive began in 1942, encompassing the former Army Air Corps. It was renamed the Air Force Aid Society when the Air Force became a separate service in 1947. By 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower issued the first Executive Order prohibiting any fundraising effort within the Federal Government other than the Combined Federal Campaign.

After some internal fundraising problems, another Executive Order was issued in 1961 authorizing the service secretaries to establish policies and procedures governing internal solicitation. This led to the first Air Force Regulation on fundraising.

By 1962, the first indigent retiree and widows' homes

were planned, including the Air Force Village, which opened in 1970, and the Air Force Enlisted Village, which opened in 1974 and was originally named the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc. Shortly after, the AFV and AFEV were adopted as the official indigent homes for the Air Force.

The reality of conducting three internal fundraising drives per year was not optimal. In order to remain within the Executive Order and to avoid disruption in the workplace, the Air Force created the Air Force Assistance Fund in 1971.

Initially the AFAF gave installations the option to have stand alone campaigns or integrate the AFAF as a part of their local CFC.

Early trials as a part of the CFC were not successful. In 1972, both the CFC and AFAF policy makers wanted separate campaigns for external versus internal charities. As a result, the first totally independent AFAF campaign was held in 1974. It raised \$460,000 for its three charities — AFAS, AFV and AFEV.

In 1991 the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation was added to provide retiree and indigent widow housing and living needs assistance to those unable to relocate to AFV or AFEV. This addition brought the AFAF Campaign to its present four-charity configuration.

The AFAF receives no tax dollars and continues to provide support only while funds are available. The four organizations are entirely dependent upon financial contributions.

"If we contact 100 percent of the base population with a 50 percent contribution rate, the Columbus AFB AFAS will receive a \$2,500 check," Captain Daniels said. "The more participation we attain base-wide, the less individual contributions we'll need to meet our wing goal. Let's all 'push it up' to make this year's AFAF campaign a huge success!"

For questions, comments or suggestions about the BLAZE TEAM's 2005 AFAF campaign, contact a wing, group or squadron representative. The 2005 Columbus AFB representatives are:

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**14th Medical Group**  
**14th MDG** and **14th MDG Staff:** Master Sgt.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez  
**Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Capt. Chad Daniels, AFAF installation project officer, pose for a photo before Colonel Wilson signs his AFAF contribution form.**

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## Straight Talk Line

### Thanks to SFS personnel

**Comment:** I would like to personally thank the gate guards for the wonderful job they do. Whether it's raining, extremely hot or unbearably cold, they are there to greet each of us. It may not seem like anything great to some people, but to me it means pride. These men and women are a true testament to what service is all about. They make me proud to be a part of this great wing and a member of the civil service corps for this great nation. From the bottom of my heart, I truly salute each and every one of them.

**Response:** The wing, mission support group and especially the members of the 14th Security Forces Squadron truly appreciate your kind words. We thank you for recognizing the work of our dedicated troops. Seldom do they receive public recognition. Your comments confirm that we are on the right track as we strive to provide the best force protection and customer service possible to our BLAZE TEAM. I will certainly pass these kind words on to the troops and again, thank you for your comments, support and understanding. This means a lot to them!

Col. Stephen Wilson  
14th Flying Training Wing commander

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.*

*Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

Staff Sgt. Gerald Givens  
28th Services Squadron

African-American History Month is a time for Americans to reflect on and celebrate our nation's African-American heritage. Dr. Carter Woodson, one of the first African-Americans to receive a doctorate from Harvard University, found inspiration in this dedication.

Dr. Woodson gave up a distinguished career as a university professor at age 47 to dedicate himself to research and writing on the African-American experience. He contended the African-American experience was a valuable subject of study and called for a time when the "hidden history and culture" of American peoples could be celebrated.

In 1926, Dr. Woodson declared African-American History Week in February. That month was chosen because of the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

In the 1970s, several black organizations and community leaders joined together to encourage the thought of African-American History Month. This month highlights

# Understanding diversity key to progression of AF community



**Capt. Chandra Peek**  
14th Flying Training Wing

Excluding athletes and entertainers, can you name five prominent living Hispanic-Americans off the top of your head? Can you name five prominent living Native-Americans? Or how about five prominent Asians in America today?

When recently tasked to do just that, I had very little difficulty coming up with a list of women, white and black Americans, but failed miserably in the other categories.

While I'm sure there probably are a handful of you who can successfully complete the aforementioned task, I would venture to guess that the majority of us cannot. And that is exactly why I believe it is important for us to recognize the contributions of all Americans through special observance programs.

Special observance programs are not meant to be exclusive. The goal is to enhance cross-cultural awareness, promote harmony, encourage interaction, and celebrate the achievements and contributions of all Americans to

our culture.

So why don't we set aside a White-American or Men's History Month? The purpose of special observance programs is to hone in on "special" groups — minority groups who until recently have not had a vehicle, such as the American education system, to bring their contributions and achievements to the forefront.

At the same time though, special observance programs are not meant to take away from the successes of majority groups.

So why is this important to you and me? Well, as the population of the United States becomes more and more diverse, so will the population of our military.

The likelihood of you coming into contact with another military member with an ethnic background, religion or gender different from your own throughout the course of an eight-, 10- or 12-hour work day is quite high.

When you have a better understanding of diverse cultures, there is greater potential for minimizing discrimination and maximizing unit cohesion and overall readiness.

So get involved with special observance programs offered by the wing. If you want to learn about the diverse cultures of your fellow BLAZE TEAM members, I encourage you to participate in the different events.

If you have ideas to bring to the table, or simply a willingness to get involved, the Columbus AFB Multicultural Committee is looking for you. For more information, call the MCC chairperson, Master Sgt. Curtis Chiles, at Ext. 2781.

The more we make an effort to understand each other's cultures and history, and embrace our differences — not criticize or fear them — the more effective our society and the Air Force will become.

*"When you have a better understanding of diverse cultures, there is greater potential for minimizing discrimination and maximizing unit cohesion and overall readiness."*

# Aviation history helps highlight African-American heritage

several aspects of black history including military service.

After digging deeper into my heritage and Air Force roots, I found there's a profound African-American impact on the flying side of our service.

African-American involvement in aviation began as early as World War I when heavier than air machines streaked across the skies around the world. African-Americans flew under the laws of segregation during the first 50 years of machine powered flight.

Racism excluded African-Americans from the aviation community, leaving some to seek training elsewhere, even outside the United States. As early as the 1920s and early 30s, African-American aeronautical schools were established in Chicago and Los Angeles to train pilots and mechanics in aviation technology.

At the start of World War II, activist groups and the African-American press lobbied lawmakers for greater participation by African-Americans in the war effort. The Civilian Pilot Training Act Program and Public Law 18 were designed to facilitate African-Americans entry into the Army-Air Corps. The CPTP authorized select colleges

and universities to teach pilot training, and Public Law 18 established training facilities for air support personnel including mechanics, navigators and weathermen.

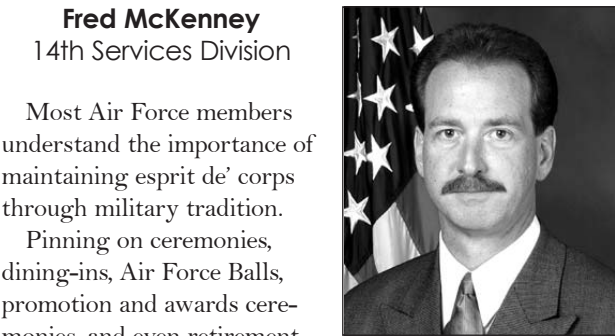
Although the 1940 Selective Service Act required all branches of service to enlist individuals of all races, colors or creeds, longstanding segregation policies, practices and attitudes prevented African-Americans from entering the Army-Air Corps.

As a compromise, a separate all-African-American Air Corps known as the Tuskegee Experiment was established near Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. These pioneers led the way for greater participation by Africans-Americans in U.S. aviation history.

The 99th Fighter Squadron was officially activated on March 21, 1941. Nearly a year later, the first five graduates earned their wings. After a long delay by the War Department to deploy the 99th into combat, the call finally came on June 2, 1943. The assignment was to serve as wingmen to the 33rd Fighter Group.



# AF Clubs — You can't afford not to be a member



**Fred McKenney**  
14th Services Division

Most Air Force members understand the importance of maintaining esprit de' corps through military tradition. Pinning on ceremonies, dining-ins, Air Force Balls, promotion and awards ceremonies, and even retirement ceremonies are made special by Air Force Clubs.

Air Force Clubs are the center of every community celebration. Club-hosted holiday parties, brunches and special events are planned to bring Air Force families and friends together. It may seem like you have heard a lot about club membership lately. You're probably right — we've talked and advertised membership quite a bit in the past couple months, but there is a very important reason for our insistence.

Club membership is a great deal, and everyone can benefit from being a member, even if you never step foot in the club. And

the benefits just keep growing. So, yes, we're going to say it again — only this time, we are backing our claims with big savings!

Many of you already know about the members-only pricing for the daily lunch buffets, the new nightly evening specials including family fun nights, Mongolian barbecue,

guest chef nights, two-for-one meal deals and special events at your Columbus Club. But do you also know about the unbelievably affordable \$4 per month membership fee for E-1 to E-6s, \$7 for E-7 to E-9s and \$16 fee for officers? Base civilians can also take advantage of all the club benefits with dues based on his or her grade. Plus, dues for military retirees are 50-percent less.

Do you want to miss out on the free social hour buffets every Friday night or the free meals for ages 5 and younger? What about the \$25 in gift certificates just for transferring membership within 30 days after PCSing?

If you're deploying, you can have your dues waived for the time you're away by presenting a copy of your orders. Just stop by the Columbus Club to take advantage of this member benefit.

Contrary to popular myth, club membership doesn't just pay at the club. You could receive up to a \$15-discount on trips, rentals and season pool passes at Outdoor Recreation; or a \$5 discount on custom framing and \$2 off engraving and oil changes at the skills center.

Other on-base benefits include free shoe rental at the Strike Zone Lanes Bowling Center during open bowling and \$2 off greens fees at the Whispering Pines Golf Course.

So, if you take one trip and save \$15; have your oil changed and save \$2; bowl four times a month and save \$4; golf three times and save \$6; and eat at the club's lunch buffet four times a month and save \$8, that's a total of \$35 in monthly savings!

We've even partnered with the local community businesses to provide discounts off base like a 25-percent discount at Papa

Johns, 10-percent savings at Muffler Magic, \$5 off on your monthly AT&T wireless phone bill, and the list goes on. (Federal endorsement not intended.)

Worldwide club members find a home away from home at any Air Force Club. Whether our members are TDY, on vacation or in the midst of a PCS move, their welcome is assured in any Air Force Club.

Members also receive automatic entry into membership drives with high value rewards; the ability to enter yourself and family members in the annual Air Force Scholarship Program; 24-hour account accessibility; five easy, convenient ways to pay your bill; additional three-day grace period on purchases; a low, competitive annual percentage rate on all purchases; no merchants fees; and free worldwide travel by accumulating Premiere Value Miles.

Do you really need another reason to be a club member? Join today to start enjoying the benefits and taking advantage of the many discounts throughout the 14th Services Division. Really, you can't afford not to be a member!

## TUSKEGEE

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The mission was to strike a heavily fortified enemy position on the island of Pantelleria. Nine days later, enemy resistance was destroyed by air power alone; a feat that was a military first.

The Tuskegee Airmen proudly boast 1,578 missions during World War II without losing a single bomber to enemy aircraft. Three years later at the end of WWII, the United States began to integrate the armed forces. President Harry Truman issued an executive order July 26, 1948, and by the time the Korean Conflict began in 1950, the Air Force was completely integrated.

Twenty-two pilots and six ground crewmen from my hometown of St. Louis were Tuskegee Airmen. I've seen the 8-foot by 51-foot, five panel painting that pays tribute to African-American Achievements in Aviation from 1917 to the present on display at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. It stands as a shining example of the visions and common interests in aviation among Americans.

This historic mural includes 75 portraits, 18 aircraft, three American Bald Eagles, five unit patches and one spacecraft.

If you're ever in the airport at St Louis, make sure you check this display out, as it's part of our Air Force heritage and it honors some true American heroes.

African-Americans continue to achieve high-level leadership positions and qualify for the elite professions in the United States Armed Forces, protecting us by sea, land, air and the last frontier — outer space. I hope Airmen of all races take some time during Black History month to recognize the achievements of the men and women who went before us and endured challenges unlike those of today.

# Exploring the final frontier Deadline nears for teen space camp applications

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Services Division

Applications for the 2005 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship must be submitted to the youth center by March 26.

The scholarship is funded by the Military Child Education Coalition and includes meals, lodging, program materials and transportation from the student's home base to the five-day space camp in Huntsville, Ala.

The hands-on camp includes activities such as simulated space shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket

building and launches, scientific experiments and lectures on the past, present and future of space exploration.

- Each student applicant must:
- \* Be a child of an active-duty military parent.
- \* Be enrolled in grades 6 through 9.
- \* Submit a hand-written essay stating why he or she should be selected.
- \* Submit two letters of recommendation from people other than relatives, complete with contact information.
- Other considerations for receiving the scholarship include evidence of patriotism, future goals, community

service and "after-camp" intentions.

The MCEC created the space camp scholarship in memory of Bernard Curtis Brown II. Bernard, the 11-year old son of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Bernard Curtis Brown, was killed on Sept. 11, 2001, on his way to California to represent his school at a National Geographic event. He was a passenger on the hijacked airliner that crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Applications are available at the youth center. For more detailed information about the space camp, visit [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com) or call Ext. 2504.

# Fun, food, recreation highlight 14th Services Division events

**Teen aviation camp:** Today is the last day to register for the Air Force teen aviation camp at the youth center. The program is open to youth who will be sophomores or juniors in the 2005-2006 school year. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

**Casino trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to Philadelphia, Miss., today. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$28 for nonmembers and includes transportation, \$15 in coins and a free buffet. The next trip is scheduled for March 18. Call Ext. 7861.

**Stampin' Up workshop:** Workshops are from 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 26 at the community center. Cost is \$5 plus materials or participants can bring their own supplies. To register or for more information, call 434-5076.

**Craft classes:** The skills development center offers both youth and adult craft classes. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Youth classes are at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

March adult classes include a St. Patrick's Day door hanging for \$8 March 1, a bunny trail yard decoration for \$9 March 8, a picket fence Easter door hanging for \$8 March 15; bunny pins for \$5 March 22 and a mosaic patio stone for \$6 March 29.

The children's classes are \$4 each and include a St. Patrick's door hanging March 2, a bunny bell necklace March 9, a wooden bunny March 16, an Easter bunny can basket March 23 and a mosaic patio stone March 30.

Stop by the skills development center to see a display of the upcoming classes available. Call Ext. 7836.

**Family fun night:** The Columbus Club's birthday-themed family fun night is from 5 to 8 p.m.

Thursday. There will be a jumping castle, a clown, a game of musical chairs, a disc jockey with kiddie karaoke and birthday cake.

There will be an adult buffet featuring baked chicken breast, slow roasted beef with gravy, roasted new potatoes, wild rice, vegetable medley and rolls. Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. The children's buffet features chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, corn dogs, french fries, tater tots and jello. Cost for the children's buffet is \$3.95 for club member children ages 6 to 12 and \$5.95 for non-members. Ages 5 and younger eat free. Call Ext. 2490.

**Memphis Grizzlies:** The information, ticket and travel office has tickets for the Feb. 25, April 3 and April 8 Memphis Grizzlies basketball games. Cost is \$60 per ticket. An overnight trip is available for the Feb. 25 game for a cost of \$125 for club members and \$140 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, one night's lodging and ticket to the game. Call Ext. 7861.

**Birmingham shopping trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip March 5 to the Riverchase Galleria and the Water Mark Outlet Malls in Birmingham, Ala. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation and return around 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for club members and \$18 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 7861.

**Teen trip to Tupelo:** The youth center offers this trip to the Tupelo, Miss. shopping mall from 1 to 6 p.m. March 5. Cost is \$3 for youth center members and \$6 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504.

**Spring Fling egg hunt:** The youth center will host this annual event from 9 a.m. to noon at Freedom Park March 19. The event will feature carnival games and egg hunts for four different age groups. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Call Ext. 2504.

# Chief of Staff Sight Picture Changing the education mindset

**Gen. John Jumper**  
Air Force Chief of Staff



**WASHINGTON** — Over the past few years, we have initiated a number of educational initiatives for force development, focusing on changing the way we develop and train our people to meet the challenges of the expeditionary Air Force. Force development takes a deliberate approach to providing Airmen the training and experience they need to succeed in delivering air and space power now and in the future. We must make sure Airmen get the training and education required for their specialty or area of expertise. If you need additional education or training — you will get it.

This mindset is a significant change, especially for officers. For years, master's degrees had a significant impact on promotion potential. This must change — our focus should be on deliberate development and not "square filling." Education must be tailored to benefit Airmen in doing their jobs. Promotion is, and will continue to be, determined by your performance and demonstrated leadership potential to serve in the next higher grade.

Beginning in January, we will remove all academic education information, including bachelor's degrees,

from all Line of the Air Force and Judge Advocate General promotion boards through the rank of colonel. The Guard and Reserve components will implement the same procedures beginning with boards convening after Jan. 1, 2006.

All Airmen should receive some form of development to assist them in their duties in higher grades and levels of responsibility. We will provide the right development venues to meet both Airmen and Air Force needs. At the same time, I'm not discouraging you from pursuing an advanced academic degree on your own. We will continue to offer tuition assistance and operate educational support offices at each base. Advanced academic degrees will no longer be a factor in the promotion process — at any level of the process: rater, senior rater, management-level or the promotion board. The Air Force's emphasis is on job performance and for providing Airmen the right opportunities for advanced education when it is required.

This new policy will not affect chaplain and health profession officers. Due to certification requirements, we need to continue showing academic information for these officers.

The goal is clear — develop professional Airmen who will collectively leverage their respective strengths to accomplish the Air Force mission. You make our Air Force the best in the world. We owe it to you to provide the skills and education you need to continue to excel!

*I'll have fries with that!*



Pam Wickham

**Gina Carter helps her daughter Kali fill her plate at January's family fun night at the Columbus Club. The next family fun night is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Columbus Club. The birthday-themed event will feature a jumping castle, a clown, a game of musical chairs, a disc jockey with kiddie karaoke and birthday cake. For more information, call Ext. 2490.**

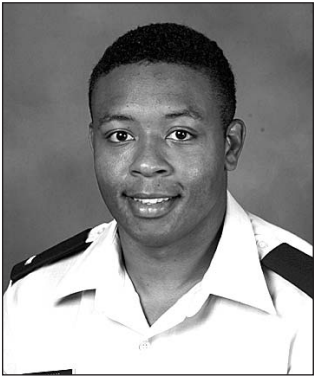




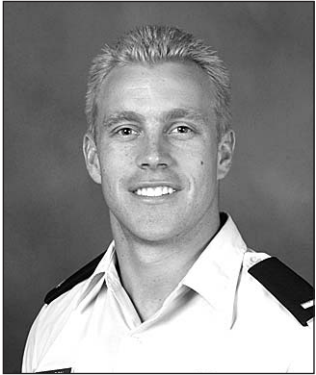
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C-130J, Baltimore, Md.



**1st Lt. Sydney Castillo**  
Guatemala City, Guatemala  
A-37, La Aurora, Guatemala



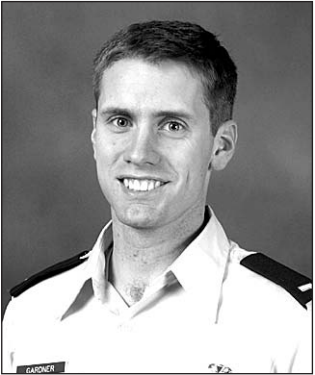
**1st Lt. William McMillian**  
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**2nd Lt. Erik Carlson**  
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C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



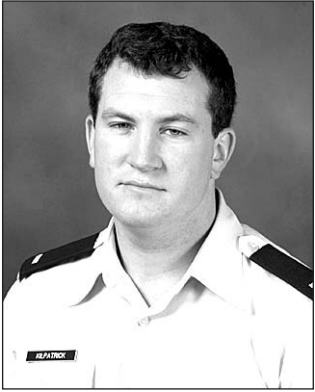
**2nd Lt. Gena Fedoruk**  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**2nd Lt. Reid Gardner**  
Puyallup, Wash.  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Hayden**  
West Fargo, N.D. (ANG)  
F-16, Fargo, N.D.



**2nd Lt. Kevin Kilpatrick**  
Somerset, N.J. (AFRC)  
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**2nd Lt. John Koegel III**  
West Hills, Calif.  
T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.

# SUPT Class 05-05 earns silver wings

Twenty-six officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Gen. Robert Foglesong, commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. General Foglesong earned his wings at Columbus AFB and his aviation career includes more than 4,280 flying hours.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Kevin Kilpatrick, T-1, and Christopher Wee, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. John Greenaway, T-1, and Todd Prine, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Erik Carlson, T-1, and Lieutenants Kilpatrick and Wee were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteris-

tics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

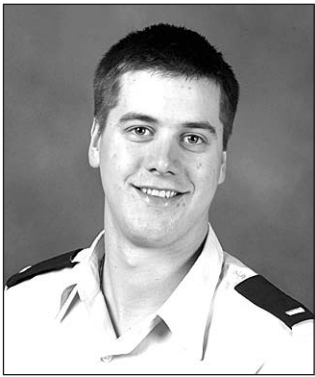
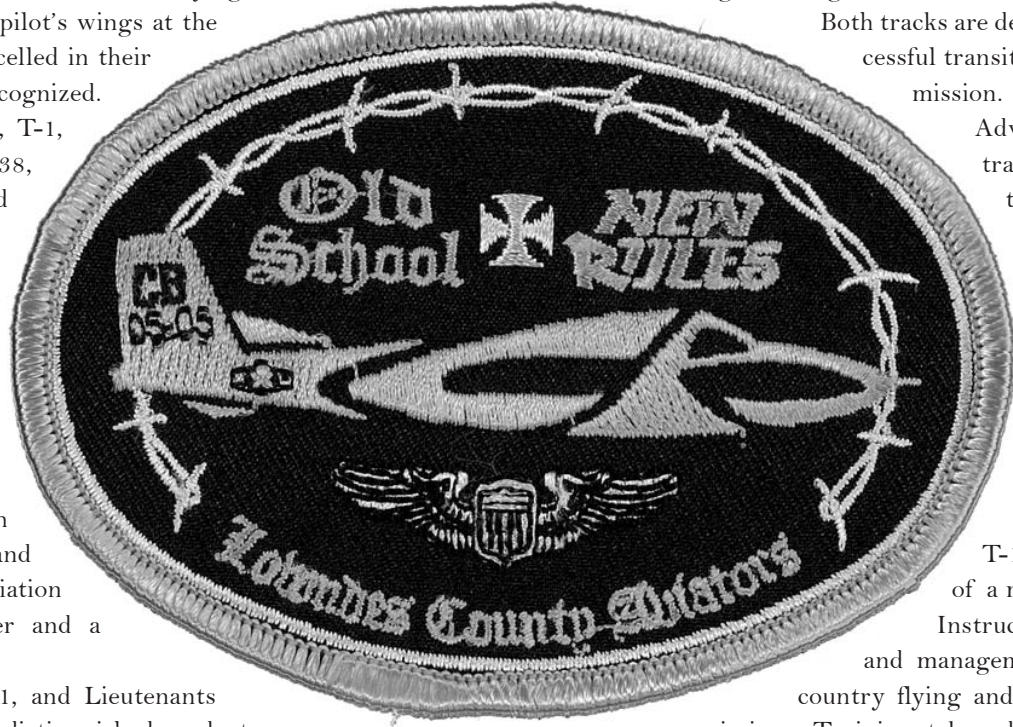
Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

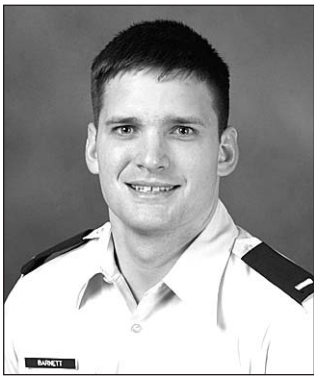
Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185

hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are CJ's Pizza and Sonic.)*



**2nd Lt. Nathaniel Amidon**  
Cottage Grove, Minn.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Chris Barnett**  
Greenville, S.C.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



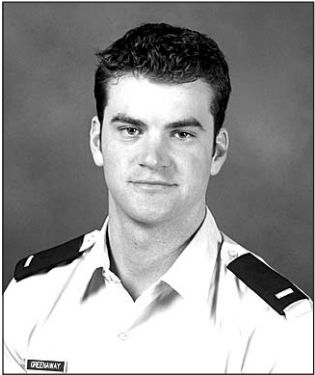
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Tiffin, Ohio  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



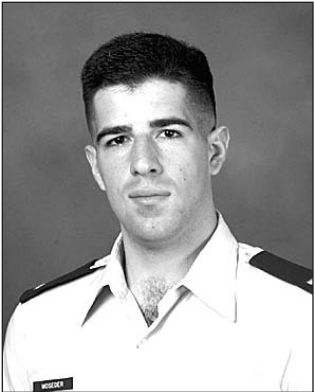
**2nd Lt. Robert Gatti**  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Adam Gaudinski**  
Drexel Hill, Pa.  
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



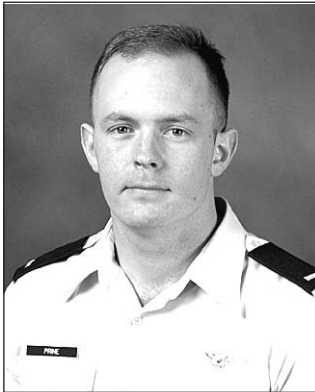
**2nd Lt. John Greenaway**  
Culpeper, Va.  
C-21, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



**2nd Lt. Thomas Moseder**  
Palm Coast, Fla.  
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



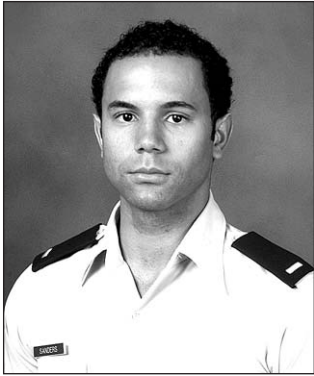
**2nd Lt. Ryan Pittman**  
Park City, Utah  
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



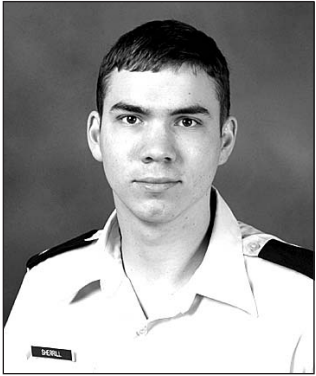
**2nd Lt. Todd Prine**  
Oak Forest, Ill.  
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



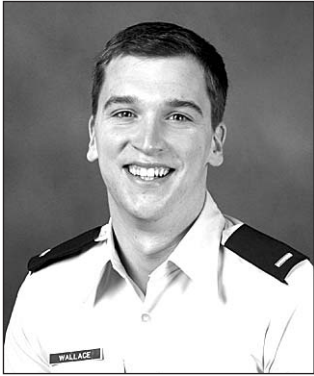
**2nd Lt. David Prowell**  
Warner Robins, Ga. (ANG)  
E-8C, Warner Robins, Ga.



**2nd Lt. Jason Sanders**  
Dayton, Ohio  
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Sherrill**  
Douglasville, Ga.  
KC-135, Grand Forks, N.D.



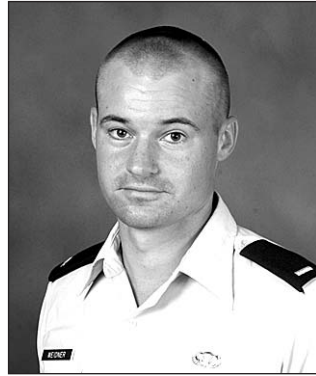
**2nd Lt. Lowell Wallace III**  
Glenview, Ill.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. Frank Wedding**  
Newark, Del. (ANG)  
C-5, Stewart, N.Y.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Wee**  
West Salem, Wis.  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



**2nd Lt. Andrew Weidner**  
Fostoria, Ohio  
F-15C, Klamath Falls, Ore.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Wentzel**  
Santa Barbara, Calif.  
F-16, Kelly AFB, Texas



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**Today**  
“*Racing Stripes*”  
(PG, mild crude  
humor and some lan-  
guage, 102 min.)  
Starring: Voice of  
Frankie Muniz and  
Hayden Panettiere.

**Saturday**  
“*Elektra*”  
(PG-13, action vio-  
lence, 97 min.)  
Starring: Jennifer  
Garner and Terence  
Stamp.

All movies are  
shown at 7 p.m. at  
the base theater,  
unless otherwise  
noted. For more  
information, visit  
www.cafb  
grapevine.com.

Chapel

Catholic

Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
10:30 a.m. — CCD at Bldg. 1052\*  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. — Sunday school at Bldg.  
1052\*  
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship  
service at the community center  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship  
Tuesday:  
11:30 a.m. — Lunch and Bible study  
Wednesday:  
6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer Clubs,  
teen ministries at Bldg. 1052\*  
For information about Islamic, Jewish,  
Orthodox or other services, call Ext.  
2500.

\*The chapel annex is currently being  
renovated. All religious education activi-  
ties are temporarily located at Building  
1052.

Family Support Center

**(Editor’s note:** *All activities are offered  
at the family support center unless otherwise  
specified. For more information about any of  
the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)*

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit intro-  
duction monitors and sponsors is at  
9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the  
importance of effective sponsorship and  
resources available for both sponsors and  
newcomers.

Positive thinking

“Make Every Day a Terrific Day,” a  
video-based program to reduce stressors,  
is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.  
Participants learn techniques on how to  
start days positively, and deal with nega-  
tive situations and behaviors. Registra-  
tion is required by Tuesday.

Employment letters

A workshop explaining examples and

the purpose of employment letters is  
from 9 to 10 a.m. March 2.

AFAS grant program

The Air Force Aid Society’s General  
Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Pro-  
gram awards \$1,500 grants to eligible  
military dependents. For more informa-  
tion about the program or an application,  
call Ext. 2855 or visit the Air Force Aid  
Society Web site at www.afas.org.

Base Notes

COSC social

The Wing Spouses Program hosts a  
wine tasting Columbus Officers’ Spouses’  
Club social at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the  
Columbus Club. The menu is hors d’oeu-  
vres. Cost is \$13.25 for per person, and  
club members receive a \$2 discount. Call  
434-8915 by noon March 3.

Running for relief



Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd

**Capt. June Cruse of the 41st Flying Training Squadron hands money the squadron raised for the victims of the tsunami disaster to Becky Thomas of the American Red Cross while Senior Airman Evelyn Baxter looks on. The 14th Flying Training Wing sponsored a Tsunami Relief Run Feb. 11 and raised more than \$2,000 to donate to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Airman Baxter, 14th Comptroller Squadron, coordinated the event with the help of the 14th FTW chapel.**

**Annual Arts Gala:** Bidding for this event begins from  
2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the The Rosenzweig Gallery in down-  
town Columbus. All auction items will be displayed in the  
gallery until March 3 at 8 p.m. when bids are closed on  
items, excluding Original Arts and Live Auction Items. For  
more information, call 328-2787 or visit www.columbus-  
arts.org.

**KYOC:** The Kyiv Youth Orchestra and Chorus performs  
at 7 p.m. Monday at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi  
University for Women campus. The 67 member group will  
perform a two-hour program of sacred, classical, folk and  
jazz, including American and Ukrainian classics and folk  
songs. Admission is free. An offering box will be located at  
the entrance and Ukranian folk art items will be available  
for sale in the lobby.

**Jeff Corwin presentation:** The host and namesake of  
the Animal Planet television channel’s “Jeff Corwin  
Experience” will give a presentation at 7 p.m. Monday at  
Mississippi State University’s Humphrey Coliseum. Mr.  
Corwin, a wild-animal specialist and habitat conservation-  
ist, is the first speaker for the Dorothy Garrett Martin

Lectureship in Values and Ethics, an annual campus pro-  
gram established last fall by the university’s Delta Gamma  
social sorority. The event is free and open to the public. For  
more information, contact Paula Raffo at phraffo@  
yahoo.com or (662) 323-8363.

**Pilgrimage Pageant Ball:** The Junior Auxillary of  
Columbus will sell tickets for this event from 8 a.m. to  
1 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Junior Auxillary Hut at 1000 Park  
Circle for the annual charity benefiting Lowndes County  
children. The 55th Pilgrimage Pageant and Ball will be  
April 9 at the Trotter Convention Center, with doors  
opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Balcony tick-  
ets are \$15 per person. Tickets for the Royalty Breakfast,  
8:30 p.m. to midnight, which concludes festivities, will be  
\$15. For more information, contact Frances Glenn at 325-  
2970.

**Stitches From the Heart:** Stitches From the Heart is  
looking for volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets,  
sweaters and hats for babies in need. For more information  
or to sign up, contact Kathy Silverton at (866) 472-6903 or  
e-mail stitchfromheart@aol.com.

**Community chorus:** Rehearsals for the Starkville-  
Columbus Community Chorus spring concert are held at  
7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Choral Building on the  
Mississippi State University campus. The spring concert is  
scheduled for 5 p.m. March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church  
in Starkville, Miss. The repertoire for the concert will be  
announced at Monday’s rehearsal. For more information  
about the community chorus, call Dr. Linda Karen Smith at  
(662) 325-2870.

**Hunt happenings:** An academic breakfast is at 8 a.m. and  
a Black History Program is at 1 p.m. Feb. 25 at Hunt  
Intermediate School. Parents of all students are invited to  
participate. For more information, call Sharon Little at 241-  
7160.

**A Night with Bill (Shakespeare):** The Columbus  
Community Theatre presents A Hot Night with Bill  
(Shakespeare) at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 27 at Lee  
Middle School. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for chil-  
dren under 12.

**For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).**

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family mem-  
bers and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by  
noon Monday to be included in the following week’s issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week’s issue. Please do not  
re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone num-  
bers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may  
not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this  
form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

**Type of advertisement (circle one)** Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

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(in case we need more information)

**Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:**

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).

Speaker’s Bureau

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking  
about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools  
or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.



Shorts

Spring Soccer

Today is the last day to register for spring soccer for ages 3 to 13. The season runs until April 28. Parents must bring a sports physical. Coaches for the soccer season are also needed. Players can register at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

3-person iceberg scramble

Shotgun start for this golf event is at 10 a.m. Saturday. Entry is \$15 for members and \$15 plus greens fees for nonmembers. To register, call Ext. 7932.

Summer baseball/softball

Sign-ups for the Caledonia Sports Association summer baseball and softball leagues are from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Feb. 26 at Ola J. Pickett Park press box in Caledonia, Miss. Participants do not have to reside in Caledonia or attend city schools to participate.

The divisions are as follows: tee-ball for ages 4 to 6; coach pitch for ages 7 to 8; baseball for ages 9 to 10; baseball for ages 11 to 12; girls softball for ages 9 to 10; and girls softball for ages 11 to 12. Registration fee is \$40, and a birth certificate copy is needed. For more information, call 251-0117.

History month fun run

A fun run in observance of African-American History Month begins at 7 a.m. Feb. 25 in front of the fitness and sports center. Prizes will be awarded for first place male and female runners. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Air Force volleyball

All ranks of active duty, guard and reserve men and women are invited to apply for the 2005 All Air Force Volleyball Training Camp. The camp is scheduled for April 22 through May 16 in Hawaii and Colorado, including travel days. All interested servicemembers must submit an Air Force Form 303 to the fitness and sports center by March 1.

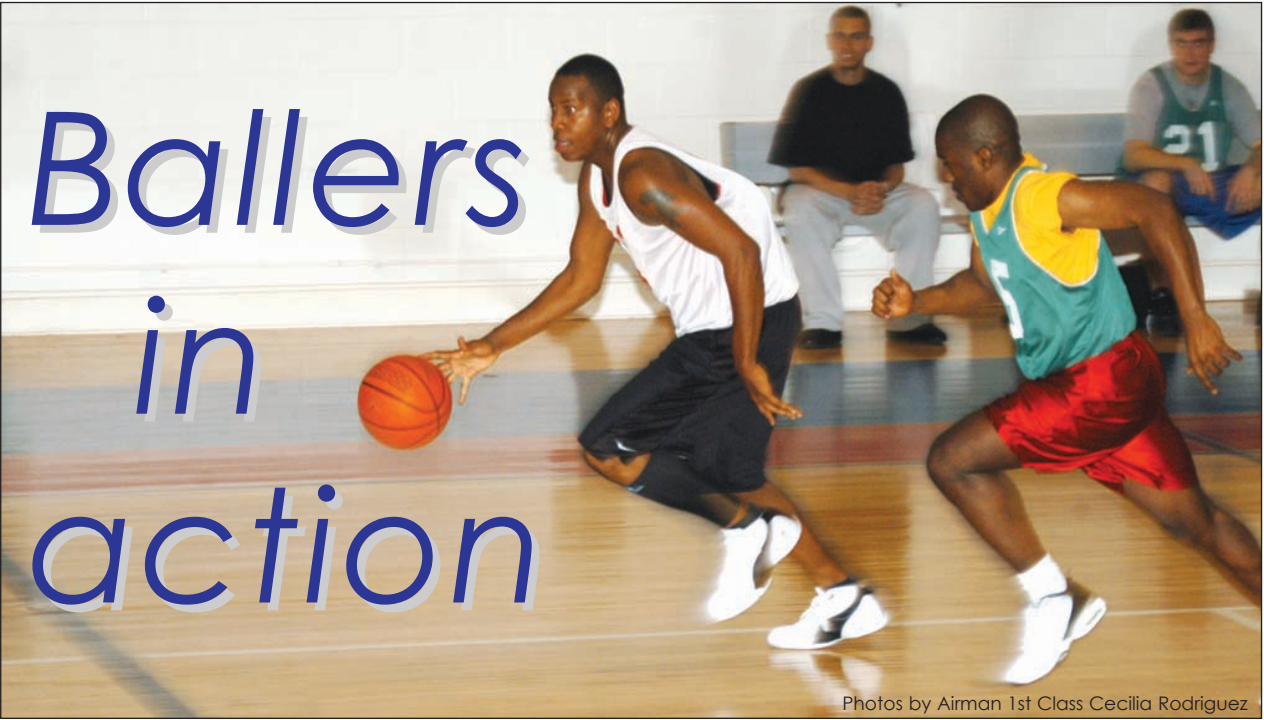
Selections will begin around March 10. The Air Force Sports office will send a message to the major commands approximately three weeks before the camp begins. Call Ext. 2772.

Umpires wanted

The Caledonia Sports Association seeks people interested in umpiring youth summer softball and baseball. Training is conducted Thursday evenings and some Saturdays. Call 364-0414 or 251-0117.

Aerobics classes

A variety of aerobics classes are available at the fitness center. On Mondays, spin classes are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; on Tuesdays, a cardio combo class is at 9 a.m., strength and tone is at noon, Pilates is at 5 p.m. and cardio kick boxing is at 6 p.m.; on Wednesdays, spin classes are at 11 a.m and 5 p.m., step classes are at noon and a fit circuit class is at 6 p.m.; on Thursdays, cardio combo is at 9 a.m., strength and tone is at noon, Pilates is at 5 p.m. and cardio kickboxing is at 6 p.m.; and an 11 a.m. fit circuit class is available Fridays. Call the fitness center at Ext. 2772.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez



Top: Adam Link, 14th Mission Support Squadron, is chased down court by Terralus Lowe, 50th Flying Training Squadron, during intramural basketball action Tuesday at the fitness center. The flying squadron defeated MSS, 40-31. Left: Rick Barradas, 14th Operations Support Squadron, wards off opponent Craig Hoffman, 14th Medical Group, under close watch of the referees. The 14th MDG won the game, 52-37.

Intramural Basketball Standings		
Team	Wins	Losses
153rd ANG	8	0
14th MDG	7	3
14th CES	6	4
48th FTS	6	2
50th FTS	5	3
14th OSS	3	7
14th MSS	3	6
14th SFS	1	9
41st/37th FTS	1	6
*Standings current as of Wednesday		



Edwin Rodriguez, 14th Security Forces Squadron, races teams member Eric Klick and 48th FTS players Jonathan Hansen and Robert Lampkin. The 48th FTS beat security forces, 39-30.